



Concert here to help celebrate county's 250th anniversary

The 276th Army Band, Pennsylvania National Guard, will celebrate the 250th Anniversary of Cumberland County with a Star Spangled Military Concert in the Special Events Forum, Building 14, at the Naval Support Activity, Mechanicsburg, Sunday, Jan. 30, at 2 p.m.

The concert is sponsored by Members 1st Federal Credit Union and jointly hosted by the Naval Support Activity, U.S. Army War College, and the Pennsylvania National Guard.

The 276th Army Band,

Pennsylvania National Guard, is stationed in N. E. Philadelphia.

The band was originally formed from part of the 111th Infantry on April 1, 1921.

Active federal service includes World War II and the Korean Conflict. The band is currently assigned to the 213th Area Support Group.

Under state control since 1954, The Adjutant General's Own has given premier performances from Erie to Tinicum State Park.

The band performs with a 35-member concert band, 17-

piece stage band, 10-piece dance band, seven-piece jazz ensemble, and numerous brass and woodwind chamber ensembles.

Under the baton of Chief Warrant Officer III Anthony V. Di Toro, the band has some of the finest musicians in the tri-state area. Chief Di Toro brings 30 years of musical and military experience to the band.

People planning to attend the concert are asked to use the Sporting Hill Road Gate to enter the installation.

For additional information, call 240-6522.

Tentative base calendar established for 2000

Recently the Naval Supply Systems Command's Public Affairs Office solicited input from base commands for a year 2000 basewide programs calendar.

Programs are required to adhere to guidelines developed by a Program Advisory Board comprised of representatives from all major commands here on base.

The following programs have placed on the year 2000 basewide programs calendar.

Mechanicsburg personnel are urged to use the following list for planning purposes:

Jan. 30 – Star Spangled Military Concert
Jan. 30 – Officers' Spouses'

Club (OSC) Family Skate Night
Feb. 2 – Groundhog Job Shadow Day

Feb. 4 – Supply Corps Birthday Ball

Feb. 10 – Prayer Breakfast

Feb. 10 – OSC Luncheon

Feb. 12 – OSC Middle School Event

Feb. 18 – OSC High Schooler Event

Feb. 22 – Mechanicsburg Federal Employees Assn. (MechFELA) Luncheon

March 9 – GMT Breakfast

March 9 – OSC Social

March 18 – Charity Auction

March 21 – MechFELA Lunch

April 12 – ITT Spring Fling

April 13 – OSC Social

April 18 – MechFELA Lunch

April 20 – Bring Your Children to Work

April 26 – Hail and Farewell

April 29 – FEW-sponsored Adult Special Olympics

May 11 – Middle School Career Day

May 11 – OSC Installation

May 17 – Volunteer Recognition Program

May 20 – Armed Forces Day

May 23 – MechFELA Lunch

May 27 – Memorial Day Pig Roast

June 9 & 10 – Navy-Marine Corps Golf Tournament

June 15 – GMT Breakfast

July 1 – Independence Day Picnic

July 12 – MSCA Luncheon

July 28 – Hail and Farewell

Aug. 9 – ITT Fling
Sept. 14 – POW/MIA Remembrance

Sept. 19 – Multicultural Day
Sept. 19 – MechFELA Lunch

Sept. 26 – CFC Kickoff
Sept. 27 – Wheelchair Basketball

Oct. 17 – MechFELA Lunch
Nov. 8 – Veterans Day Program

Nov. 9 – Marine Corps Birthday Observance

Nov. 21 – MechFELA Lunch
Dec. 5 – MechFELA-sponsored Children's Party

Dec. 7 – Pearl Harbor Day
Dec. 14 – Mech. Complex Choir Holiday Program

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NAVSUP to host EEO Council session

New regulatory requirements and Census 2000 top the list of discussion items to be considered at the first meeting of a newly reconstituted Regional EEO Council.

The group also will be looking at such issues as the underrepresentation of Hispanics in the work force as well as recruiting, retraining, and retaining during downsizing.

The council will be made up of representatives from the base and four other area military installations. Its Jan. 27 meeting here is being hosted by the Naval Supply Systems Command.

Larry Glasco, the Executive

Director of NAVSUP, is scheduled to give opening remarks to attendees.

Attendees will be coming aboard from Letterkenny, Carlisle Barracks, New Cumberland, and Fort Detrick. They will join representatives from NAVSUP and the Human Resources Office Mechanicsburg.

At this meeting, they will also be dealing with the issues of a charter for the group and joint projects, including new training requirements for EEO counselors.

For further information on the meeting, contact Crystal Kerns of NAVSUP at Ext. 5335.

New NAVSUP committee to look at Hispanic issues

An executive committee that will be addressing the underrepresentation of Hispanic employees in the Naval Supply Systems Command claimancy has been formed by the command.

"The purpose of the committee, among other things, will be to advise me on special issues and barriers confronting Hispanics," writes RADM Keith W. Lippert, the Commander of NAVSUP, in a recent memorandum concerning the formation of the group. "Members will propose ideas, initiatives, and recommendations aimed at increasing Hispanic representation throughout the claimancy."

The committee is named the NAVSUP ad hoc Committee on Hispanic Representation and will be meeting for the first time Jan. 26 via video teleconferencing in headquarters.

The committee will report to

NAVSUP Executive Director Larry Glasco, who is slated to chair the first meeting.

Senior Hispanic employees from throughout the claimancy have been appointed by their Commanding Officers to serve on the group. Their number includes Nancy Heimbaugh of NAVSUP, Kenneth Rodrigues of the Naval Inventory Control Point, Fernando De Pierris of the Fleet Material Support Office, Jose M. Solar of the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) Yokosuka, Migdalie M. Hettler of FISC Jacksonville, Noelia Rosario of the Navy Exchange Service Command, Teresa Ramos of FISC San Diego, and Luis Aymerich of FISC Norfolk's Philadelphia Detachment.

Crystal Kerns of NAVSUP is advisor to the group. For additional information, she may be reached at Ext. 5335.



Retirement ceremony...

Mess Management Specialist Senior Chief (Surface Warfare) Beverley A. Singson receives the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Gold Star in lieu of Second Award) from RADM Keith W. Lippert, the Commander of the Naval Supply Systems Command. Singson was honored at a Dec. 2 ceremony for her service as Military Audit Review Specialist in the command from January 1997 to her retirement following a 21-year naval career.

What's SUP

Best wishes to Chris Russell as he leaves headquarters for a rotational assignment at OPNAV.

Welcome to Tammy Byers as the Executive Director's new assistant.

Best wishes to Sondra McKinzey as she begins

her retirement following 25 years of government service.

Welcome to Kristin Mock, who has reported to SUP 01 from Navy Audit.

If you have news for this column, please send an e-mail to Barbara Pearce.

This period in history

Jan. 21, 1915 — Navy Fireman 2nd Class Telesforo de la Cruz Trinidad, a Filipino, earned Medal of Honor during boiler explosion incident aboard the USS *San Diego*.

Jan. 21, 1954 — The first nuclear-powered submarine, USS *Nautilus*, was launched in Groton, Conn.

Naval Supply Systems Command

Navy food service initiatives being tested on board *Tarawa*

Feeding the crew of a U.S. Navy ship is hard and demanding work for both the mess management specialists (MSs) and food service attendants (FSAs).

The job ranges from planning, preparing and serving nutritious meals, through detailed galley record keeping, to clean-up and maintenance of galley spaces, equipment, and related areas.

The typical workday runs from 5 a.m. until about 7:30 p.m. In a concerted effort with the fleet and the Naval Sea Systems Command, the Naval Supply Systems Command is reengineering Navy's Food Service Afloat program to improve the quality of life (QOL) for Sailors and create a more efficient food service operation afloat.

As a key part of this effort, NAVSUP is currently prototyping 13 food service afloat initiatives on board USS *Tarawa* (LHA 1), homeported in San Diego, Calif. The goal of the prototyping is to demonstrate the initiatives that may significantly reduce workload afloat while improving QOL and nutrition.

Multiple initiatives are being tested simultaneously in order to identify the synergies associated with initiatives that complement each other.

The 13 initiatives being prototyped are:

- *Using smart card technology to track consumption of meals in private messes.

- *Converting traditional full-service serving lines to self-service serving lines.

- *Using state-of-the-art cleaning equipment to improve sanitation and decrease cleaning time for galley spaces and equipment.

- *Adopting selected advanced

food products (frozen, chilled, shelf-stable) that are highly acceptable to the crew, demonstrate labor savings and require less storage, rather than cooking the same item from scratch.

- *Using contractor support instead of ship's working parties to load pierside subsistence deliveries into storerooms.

- *Contracting out food service attendant functions (i.e., cleaning and trash removal) while in port.

- *Providing the latest in food service equipment technologies as identified by the NAVSEA Affordability Through Commonality (ATC) program.

- *Replacing manual inventory management process with

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Dr. Buchanan visits...

RADM Keith W. Lippert, the Commander of the Naval Supply Systems Command, welcomes Dr. H. Lee Buchanan III, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, to the command for briefings, a tour of the installation, and his address to the Mechanicsburg Supply Corps Association.

Time to make reservations

Prayer Breakfast to be held Feb. 10

The Mechanicsburg Defense Activities will host its annual Prayer Breakfast Thursday, Feb. 10. The event is held every year to bring together in prayer persons in positions of responsibility to rededicate themselves to the moral and spiritual values upon which the nation is founded.

The guest speaker is scheduled to be the Rev. Jimmy Allen Thomas of Wesley Union A.M.E. Zion Church in Harrisburg.

Thomas is a native of High Point, N.C. He received a bachelor's degree in music education from Livingstone College and has done graduate work at Morgan State University. He holds a master of divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary and is currently studying toward a doctoral degree in ministry there.

He is a fourth generation

member of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. He serves on the Executive Board, the Strategic Planning Commission, and Board of Examiners of the Philadelphia-Baltimore Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church.

He has developed ministries at his current church in schooling grades K-3 to grade 8 and the Wesley Union Community Development Corporation, Inc.

The breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. in the Hampton Room at the Commissioned Officers' Mess. The cost of the breakfast is \$6.50 for your choice of one of three platters.

Choice #1 is bacon, eggs, home fries, toast, coffee or tea, and juice. Choice #2 is a fruit platter, coffee or tea, and juice. Choice #3 is Special K cereal, muffin, coffee or tea, and juice. If you are interested in attend-

ing the breakfast, please contact Diane Stump, Workforce Diversity Department, bldg. 407, bay C25, Ext. 3611, no later than Feb. 7.

If paying by check, please make check payable to Navy Personnel Command.



Rev. Jimmy Allen Thomas

Department funds historic increase in housing allowance

Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen announced a major Department of Defense (DoD) initiative Jan. 6 to eliminate service members' out-of-pocket costs for off-base housing in the United States.

This action will reduce service members' out-of-pocket costs for housing from an average of 18.8 percent of monthly housing costs in 2000 to 15 percent in 2001, with continued reductions each year thereafter, eliminating those out-of-pocket costs entirely by 2005.

To pay for the initiative, the department has realigned more than \$3 billion into the housing allowance program over the next five years, beginning with \$160 million in the fiscal 2001 budget.

"This historic boost to the housing allowance is another

confirmation of the department's vigorous and sustained commitment to the quality of life of our men and women in uniform, it adds to the momentum generated by the landmark improvements to military pay and retirement enacted by Congress at the request of the Department of Defense and the administration in the fiscal 2000 National Defense Authorization Act. It augments our ability to attract and retain the quality individuals America's military needs. Good housing is a top priority for the department and a crucial component of quality of life," Cohen said.

This initiative continues the major improvements in compensation for service members started last year. It also further strengthens ongoing efforts to eliminate DoD's inadequate on-base family housing by 2010 and inadequate barracks for single members by 2008 through the increased use of privatization as well as traditional military construction (MilCon).

The department has a three-pronged integrated plan to improve housing: increasing housing allowances, increasing reliance upon the private sector through privatization, and maintaining military construction. Housing allowances compensate service members who live off base, and provide the income stream to support privatization.

Service members, whether single or married, are provided either government housing or a monthly stipend known as basic allowance for housing (BAH) to procure commercially-owned housing in civilian communities around military bases. The size and attributes of the government quarters provided to the service member depend upon his or

her rank, marital status and family size.

For those service members living off base, the amount of BAH paid depends upon the service member's rank, marital status and the local cost for housing.

Some 750,000 service members in the United States are eligible for BAH. The congressional statute authorizing the BAH system currently limits monthly BAH payments to no more than 85 percent of the average local cost for housing.

Service members currently pay for the shortfall out-of-pocket. The fiscal 2001 budget will include the necessary proposed legislative changes to allow out-of-pocket costs to be decreased below the currently legislated 15 percent.

Out-of-pocket costs reflect the difference between BAH rates and the national median cost of housing. While housing costs and BAH rates vary by location in the United States, average out-of-pocket costs are the same for the typical member of each military rank at every location in the United States. For example, a typical married E-6 (pay grade equivalent to an Army or Marine Corps staff sergeant or Navy petty officer first class or Air Force technical sergeant) currently has an out-of-pocket cost of \$175 per month, regardless of location, which is 18.8 percent of the \$934 national median housing cost for that rank. This initiative will increase a typical married E-6's monthly BAH by \$35 in 2001, with additional increases every year thereafter until the E-6's BAH is \$175 higher than if the initiative had not occurred.

For a typical married E-4 (Army specialist, Navy petty officer third class, Air Force senior airman, or Marine Corps

corporal), BAH will increase \$28 per month in 2001, with a total increase of \$111 per month by 2005.

BAH is not taxed, so every dollar of BAH goes directly into the service member's pocket.

Service members will benefit from improved quality of housing because of the positive effect that higher BAH will have on housing privatization efforts. In these programs, private developers provide and maintain housing for service members and their family members. The developers' compensation comes from rent paid by service members residing in the housing, using their BAH. Privatization can provide new housing in areas where available housing is limited. Improved BAH increases the income available to private sector developers, facilitating increases in the quantity and quality of privatized housing.

Said Cohen, "The military simply cannot afford to build, own and maintain enough quality housing to meet our needs. Adequate housing is a core military requirement. But building and maintaining housing is not a core military competency. It makes good sense to incentivize the private sector to provide the housing we need. Having said that, it is also critically important to maintaining funding for government-owned and operated housing."

By employing a three-pronged approach — improved BAH, privatization programs and MilCon — the department is fulfilling a key commitment to provide safe, quality housing to our men and women in uniform and their families.

Released by CAPT J. Gradisher, Deputy CHINFO.



Defense Secretary William Cohen speaks concerning housing Jan. 6 at Camp Pendleton. Photo by Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem, USA.

Fleet Material Support Office



FMSO honors two...

Above, Betsy Freet receives the Meritorious Civilian Service Award from CAPT Bill Bristow, the Fleet Material Support Office Commanding Officer, in a recent ceremony. In photo at right, Joyce Lerch receives her award from the captain. See story.



FMSO cites Freet, Lerch for meritorious service

In a recent ceremony, held in the Fleet Material Support Office, CAPT Bill Bristow, FMSO Commanding Officer, presented two outstanding civilian employees with the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

Elizabeth S. Freet was cited for her exceptional performance and extraordinary service while serving as Deputy Director, Navy Logistics Systems Department, Navy Fleet Material Support Office, during the period April 1997 to January 2000.

Freet lead the Navy Logistics Systems Department through development and implementation of state-of-the-art system solutions for new business processes critical to NAVSUP's strategic goals of increased asset visibility and infrastructure reduction. She expertly supervised a professional staff of

over 180 personnel.

All levels within the command recognize Freet as the principal command advisor. A professional and experienced standing member of the FMSO Board of Directors, she routinely identified and resolved a number of commandwide problems ranging from personnel practices to positioning FMSO for the future. She was the "go to" person to address many of the challenges faced in planning the command's recent reorganization of the Navy Logistics and ICP Systems departments.

Joyce Lerch was cited for her extraordinary service to FMSO during the period of November 1990 through September 1999. Lerch clearly demonstrated exceptional leadership and professional ability in the superior performance of her duties as a senior manager in FMSO. She has distinguished herself

through a continuous display of innovative management, technical savvy, dedication, and dependability.

Lerch successfully led the development of a standardized Navy system for General Funds Accounting for Headquarters and Field Level. Through her efforts, the Standard Accounting and Reporting System (STARS) is now an approved Interim Migration System and the leading contender to become the standard DoD accounting system.

Lerch displayed exceptional technical knowledge and dedication in leading the Year 2000 renovation of STARS. She is also a charter member and key management representative of the Labor Management Partnership Council that reinvented labor management relations at FMSO and earned the coveted Hammer Award from the government.

Supplier copies

A limited number of copies of the Dec. 24 Supplier are now available. Employees interested in getting a copy of the Dec. 24 paper may call Barb Pearce, Naval Supply Systems Command, Ext. 3565.

The Supplier has been posted to electronic bulletin boards in NAVSUP, the Naval Inventory Control Point, the Fleet Material Support Office, and the Naval Sea Logistics Center. Copies may be printed from the bulletin boards.

Retiree's survivors include two sisters

Sympathy is extended to Jean Keilholtz of the Fleet Material Support Office and Joyce Banks of the DISA Area Command. Their brother, Gary L. Keilholtz died Jan. 6 at his home in Arendtsville.

Keilholtz was a Ships Parts Control Center retiree who had worked in Code 05.

Date deferred for new TSP records system

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board announced Jan. 11 that the scheduled implementation of the new Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) record keeping system has been deferred from May 1, 2000, until October 1, 2000.

In announcing the new schedule, Roger W. Mehle, Executive Director of the board, cited the need to ensure that the system is fully tested before being approved for use.

"Although the new system has been almost entirely designed and developed, and has no apparent problems, the exhaustive testing of its functions is not yet complete and will require additional time," said Mehle.

The TSP is a retirement savings plan for federal employees that is similar to the 401(k) plans offered by many private employers. It was created by the Federal Employees' Retirement System Act of 1986. As of Dec.

31, 1999, TSP assets totaled approximately \$95 billion, and retirement savings accounts have been established for more than 2.4 million TSP participants.

The new record keeping system will support new investment options and benefits in addition to those now available to plan participants. Because these enhancements, including the Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment (S) Fund, the International Stock Index Investment (I) Fund, and daily valuation of TSP accounts, are dependent upon the new system, these features will also be introduced in October.

The new system is being built under a contract between the board and American Management Systems, Inc. (AMS), of Fairfax, Va. When it was awarded in May 1997, the contract anticipated a May 2000 project completion date. At a meeting with senior board offi-

cials recently, however, the contractor recommended an implementation deferral to accommodate the extensive system testing program, which has experienced recent delays. After evaluating the AMS recommendation, the board concurred that a deferral was necessary and established the October 2000 implementation date.

Apart from the need for adequate time to complete the testing program and to address any required fixes and other contingencies, the choice of October 2000 was strongly influenced by the expected effective date of H.R. 208, pending legislation that, if enacted, would permit the TSP to accept transfers from certain other retirement savings plans and would eliminate the current six- to twelve-month eligibility waiting period. (H.R. 208 passed the House of Representatives last year and has bipartisan support.)

According to Mehle, "the recommended delay to accommodate testing, of several months' duration, made it desirable to select the implementation date for the new system to coincide with H.R. 208's effective date of October 1." AMS expressed virtual certainty of fully tested system delivery on that schedule.

The TSP will continue to use its existing record keeping system for interfund transfer, loan, and withdrawal request processing until the transition to the new system in October 2000.

All TSP participants will be sent a special mailing in January advising them of the new implementation date, with further mailings later in the year to provide complete information on system transition as October 2000 nears.

In the Spotlight



Who: Diane Delaney

Activity: Naval Inventory Control Point

Job Title: Computer Specialist

Volunteer activities: She works with Boy Scout Troop 360 and Girl Scout Troop 970, both sponsored by Holy Name of Jesus Church in Lower Paxton Township.

On Her Volunteer Efforts: "I volunteer in the Scouting program because I believe this is one of the best places for our youth to learn responsibility and leadership. In the Boy Scouts we do a lot of community service, including helping out with the on-base Children's Christmas Party. The boys need to know the importance of giving back to the community. They assist with a yearly food and clothing giveaway each Christmas and participate in various fund-raisers throughout the year. They organize the events and do the work with minimal guidance from adult leaders. In the Girl Scout Troop I try to involve the girls in community service, including the food giveaway. We also have one or two collections each year for items needed in our local community. This year we are collecting stuffed animals and children's videos to be donated to a local hospital."

In the Spotlight recognizes volunteer efforts of employees from all commands on base. Point of contact is Kathy Adams, Ext. 2287.



Washington, D.C., Jan. 6 — Secretary of the Navy Richard Danzig announced recently that the new DD 21 will be the Navy's first class of ships to be powered by electric drive. The first of the DD 21 class of destroyers is expected to be in commission by the end of the decade. U.S. Navy photo by Chief Photographer's Mate Dolores Anglin.

Ads

CAR POOL

- 2 riders/drivers for non-smoking car pool, Rt. 81 Exit 8 Scotland, 5-4-9 (6-3:30), 1st Fri. off, flexible. X2357 or 1423.
- Want to join nonsmoking car pool from Chambersburg area, on 5-4-9 schedule, first Friday off. Linda, X1283
- Driver from Tower City, 10 hr. schedule, RDO every Friday, X4520.
- Rider/driver needed from Exit 11, I-81 (Newville), 6-3:30, 5-4-9 schedule. Garry, X2704.
- Seeking person to join existing car pool from Newville, 4-10 hours, 6-4:30, RDO Mondays. Paul, X4994

WANTED

- Cub Scout/Boy Scout Patch

Vest w/wo patches for 9 yr. old. 761-5329 after 4:30.
 • '93 Kmart collector stuffed bear, in good cond. 486-7081.

FOR SALE

- '93 Toyota Tercel, 4spd., AC, tape, 69 k gd. cond, \$2800. 774-6561.
- Fostoria stemware, Buttercup champagnes/sherbets, Misty blue wines/waters/champagnes, \$10 ea. 697-4114.
- Washer/dryer, Whirlpool; refrigerator, Kenmore; microwave, Sharp; 2 window AC units. All 2 yrs. old, reasonable prices. 761-7546.
- '93 Chevy Corsica, 3.1 liter engine, asking \$3,000. 766-7147.
- Mech. townhouse, 3 BR, 2.5 bath, LR, DR, garage, AC, \$105,900. 732-3617
- '90 Dodge Caravan SE, 114k, 6 cyl. auto, air, tinted windows, \$2,195. 766-3215.

- Waterbed, queen size, 7 yrs. old, 6 drawers underneath, heated, padded side rails, \$750 OBO. 535-4301.
- 19" RCA remote control TV, \$100 & 25" console, both cable ready. 245-9290.
- Pro-Nordic Track Excel, Sears Lifestyler 2000 Stepper, Cardio Glide, best offer. 938-3479 after 4.
- '85 Honda Shadow 500 cc motorcycle, red, shaft drive, \$1,200. 774-4942.
- MicroSoft Works Suite 99, includes Word 97, Money 99, Street 98, etc. \$50. 737-3355.
- 32" framed exterior door, \$50. 728-7541.
- '87 Oldsmobile Sierra, auto, 2 dr., AC, good cond. 76,000 orig. mi. 985-9254.
- 2 double beds, \$50/ea.; Princess House stemware, neg.;

ping pong table, needs hardware, make offer. 245- 2195.

- Hbg. Melrose gardens, 3 BR townhouse, end unit, fireplace, basement, \$43,000. 243-7077.
- Down hill skis, Fischer 180cm, Marker bindings, Raichle boots, men's 9.5, poles, \$100. 243-9746.
- '89 Mercury Cougar, loaded, mint, exc. maintenance record, 1 owner, \$2,300. '91 Acura Integra, \$5500. 737-7385.
- White wicker mirror, nice for bathroom, entry way, etc., \$30. 258-6550.
- Wheels/tires for VW GTI, wheels good tires like new, \$225. Ask for Leah, 697-9277.
- Fishing equipment. See me at fishing flea market Jan. 22 & 23, Monaghan Twp. Fire Co. Bob, 796-9533.

Free Classified Ads

The Mechanicsburg Supplier will publish free listings of personal items and services for sale by personnel of the naval and defense activities at Mechanicsburg, provided such items and services represent an incidental exchange between personnel on the installation and not business operations. Ads are limited to 15 words, one to an employee, and are due in NAVSUP Public Affairs Office, Code 09PA, Bldg. 309, prior to noon Monday, Jan. 31. All ads must be submitted on ad coupons and must be signed. Additionally, your signature below signifies that housing offered for sale is available on a nondiscriminatory basis. Extensions may be used on car pool ads only. For all others, use your home phone number. Ads are printed on a space available basis.

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Opportunity listed with Naval Reserve

If you're looking for extra monthly income or the opportunity to learn new skills, here's an opportunity to consider.

Qualified civilians whose occupations and experience are comparable to Navy career fields are being sought to enlist in the Naval Reserve under its Advanced Paygrade (APG) program.

Applicants without prior military service must be at least 26 years of age. The maximum age is 36.

For prior service applicants,

computed age is determined by subtracting any prior creditable military service from calendar age.

The APG program requires no recruit training (boot camp).

Reservists normally spend one weekend per month in training sessions at a Naval Reserve site, plus two weeks in annual training at a site other than a Naval Reserve Center.

Information about benefits and qualifications is available from Kathy Kamego, who is a Naval Reservist, at Ext. 5692.

Food service initiatives

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 bar-coding technology for recording receipts, breakouts/breakbacks, and inventories.

*Eliminating stateroom cleaning for all officers, O-4 and below ... junior officers assume responsibilities.

*Minimizing food preparation in multiple galleys ... using standard menus and centralized preparation.

*Installing NAVSEA approved no-wax and no-buff decking.

*Serving preprepared entrees for the dinner meal while

in port allows MSs and FSAs to secure at 2 p.m. daily while providing a quality meal to the crew for the evening meal.

*Implementing commercial sector inventory practices by inventorying food items based on the item's cost vice conducting routine wall-to-wall inventories.

The prototyping on board the USS *Tarawa* began in October 1999 and will continue for one year. Those prototyped initiatives that prove successful will be adopted as the food service paradigm of the future.

ITT headed to Phila. events

It's the Boston Celtics vs. the Philadelphia 76ers Friday, March 24, in Philly and you can get there from here.

This Information, Ticket and Tours (ITT) tour offer costs \$33.75 per person.

Transportation and ticket to the 7 p.m. game are included in this offer. Ticket value is \$31.95.

Flower Show

Roundtrip transportation and admission to the Philadelphia Flower Show is included in an outing set for Saturday, March 11.

Cost is \$27 each for adults and \$19.50 each for ages 2 to 12.

Happy Valentine's Contest

Guess how many candy hearts are in the jar and win two movie tickets and the jar of candy hearts. Contests will be held in the ITT Office. One entry per employee. Winners will be announced Feb. 11.

Ski tickets

A variety of Ski Roundtop/Ski Liberty and Whitetail offerings are currently available from the ITT Office.

These include discounted 8 Hr. Midweek, Night Time, and 8 Hr. Adult Weekend/Holiday tickets.

Save \$2 to 6 per ticket.

For example, Ski Roundtop/Ski Liberty 8 Hr. Midweek lift tickets for weekdays/nonholidays cost \$27 each. Save \$6.

For Whitetail Resort, an 8 Hr. Midweek lift ticket for weekdays/nonholidays runs \$28.50. Save \$3.50.

Office hours

The ITT Office in building 310 is open workdays between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Or you may call Ext. 2266 to reach the ITT hot line.

Or check the office's bulletin board on e-mail.

At a glance...

- Jan. 23 Hershey Bears vs. Albany River Rats hockey, Hersheypark Arena, 6 p.m., \$10.50/person. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office. Save \$2.50/ticket plus \$4 handling fee.
- Jan. 26 Hershey Bears vs. Cincinnati Mighty Ducks hockey, Hersheypark Arena, 7:30 p.m., \$10.50/person. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office. Save \$2.50/ticket plus \$4 handling fee.
- Jan. 28 Snowtubing/Pizza Party, Ski Roundtop, \$10.50/person (45" & taller). Snowtubing from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; pizza party, 6:30 to 7:30, Summit Room. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office. Skiers welcome to participate in pizza party (\$6.50/person) & purchase discount ski lift tickets at ITT Office. Limited spaces. Rescheduled from Jan. 14. New sign-up deadline: Jan. 24.
- Jan. 30 Star Spangled Military Concert. See Page 1.
- Jan. 31 Deadline for Feb. 4 Supplier, noon. POC: B. Pearce, X3565.
- Jan. 31 Thrift Savings Plan open season ends
- February African American/Black History Month
- Feb. 2 Groundhog Job Shadow Day. POC: Darlene Smith-Miller, X3611.
- Feb. 2 Hershey Bears vs. Providence Bruins hockey, Hersheypark Arena, 7:30 p.m., \$10.50/person. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office. Save \$2.50/ticket plus \$4 handling fee.
- Feb. 5-13 Eastern Sports & Outdoor Show, \$8.50/adult, \$3/ages 6-12. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office. Deadline: Jan. 26 or at sellout. Save \$1.50/ticket.
- Feb. 6 Hershey Bears vs. Rochester Americans hockey, Hersheypark Arena, 6 p.m., \$10.50/person. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office. Save \$2.50/ticket plus \$4 handling fee.
- Feb. 8 & 10 Adult Patient CPR Classes, 2-4:30 p.m., Bldg. 205, south end. To register, call Clarence Souders, X6132, or send him an e-mail.
- Feb. 10 Prayer Breakfast. See story.
- Feb. 11 Happy Valentine's Day Contest winners announced. See ITT story.
- Feb. 14 Harlem Globetrotters, Hersheypark Arena, 7:30 p.m., \$14.50/person. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office. Deadline: Feb. 4. Cost represents a \$2.50/ticket savings.
- Feb. 26 Mummies String Band Show of Shows, \$29.75/person. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office. Cost includes roundtrip transportation, Mummies Museum tour, and \$20 Mummies Show ticket.
- Mar. 11 Phila. Flower Show. See ITT story.
- Mar. 24 Boston Celtics vs. Phila. 76ers. See ITT story.
- Apr. 22 "Behold the Lamb" w/ Amish lunch, Sight & Sound, Lancaster, \$59.50/adult, \$52.50/ages 4-12. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office. Save approx. \$25
- Apr. 29 Adult Special Olympics sponsored by FEW. POCs: Darlene Smith-Miller, X3611, and Woody Baker, X1623.
- June 9 & 10 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Golf Tournament. POC: LCDR Dave Cruz, X1970.

Workplace Violence Awareness to be program's focus

Both the Security Department and the Workplace Violence Committee are pleased to sponsor upcoming sessions on Workplace Violence Awareness.

These sessions are available to all persons on the Naval Support Activity-Mechanicsburg, and attendance is highly encouraged. This training/seminar is not mandatory.

Ron Ireland from the NCIS Mobile Training Team will be here to conduct training in the 309 auditorium on Feb. 9 and 10.

One of the sessions will be video taped and made available for viewing for those unable to attend one of the sessions.

"You may recall that Ron [Ireland] was here in December 1998 to provide awareness training and was very well received," a Security spokesman reports.

The times for the February sessions are as follows:

Feb. 9 sessions — All Hands: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., 10 to 11 a.m. (also, tentative time for the hearing impaired), 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., and 2 to 3 p.m.

Feb. 10 sessions — Managers and Supervisors: 8:30 to 10 a.m. and 10 to 11:30 a.m.

In today's environment, this type of program could produce significant dividends through recognition and awareness, according to program planners.

Questions on this should be directed to Craig Hinkle at Ext. 3391.

Basewide calendar

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Any additional basewide programs must be submitted to NAVSUP Public Affairs for approval by the NAVSUP Vice Commander.

Questions about the calendar may be directed to Jan Derk, NAVSUP Public Affairs, Ext. 7402.